Adverse Effect of F. P. Tablet

*52. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest family planning tablet advised in Government hospitals is said to be leading to cancerous diseases;

(b) whether it is a fact that continuous use of family planning tablets even leads to dreaded diseases like AIDS; and

(c) if so, the steps Goverment propose to take to test its adverse effect?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Under the Family Planning Programme, Oral Contraceptive Pills (Mala-D and Mala-L) containing 300 microgram of DN Norgestral and 30 microgram of Ethinyl Estradiol are being distributed in various health facilities and are being used by about 60 million women all over the world. Studies with this low dose Pills have confirmed that there is no increased risk of malignancies in young women using these pills for 5 continuous years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Extradition of Dawood Ibrahim

*53. SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started extradition proceedings against Dubai-based don Dawood Ibrahim; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the manner in which Dawood Ibrahim got his passport renewed inspite of several serious charges against him; and

(c) whether Government have traced the whereabouts of Memon Brothers; if so, the details about their location abroad and Pakistan's role in Memon's escape from India and getting them sheltered with its help?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R L. BHATIA): (a) India and the United Arab Emirates have not yet concluded an Extradition Treaty. However, a request for extradition of Dawood Ibrahim was made to Interpol Abu Dhabi in May, 93. Earlier in March 93, all countries were advised about the revocation of his passport.

(b) An additional booklet was issued by the Indian Consulate General at Jeddah in Sept 1989. An enquiry has been instituted.

(c) Available information indicates that members of the Memon family arrived in Pakistan in March 93. The Government of Pakistan was approached for locating these persons and sending them back to India. The Government of Pakistan have so far taken the position that they are not aware of the whereabouts of the Memon family.

Konkan Railway Project to link Mangalore with Bombay

*54. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the Konkan Railway Project to link Mangalore with Bombay has suddenly come to a halt in Goa;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount of work that has been completed on this rail project in terms of laying of rails, and the amount of work that remains to be done;

(d) by when the work is likely to be resumed; and